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Applicant: Jim Sowerwine

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For: Golf Swing Practice Device

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is an independent inventor. A statement was already filed.

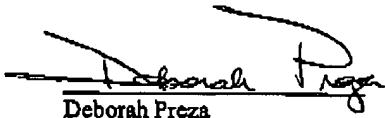
EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

**CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION
(37 C.F.R. 1.8(a))**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Preliminary Amendment is being transmitted by facsimile to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Technology Center 3700, Attn: Alvin A. Hunter at (703) 872-9302 on May 21, 2003.

Dated: May 21, 2003


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FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

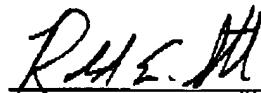
(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)		(Col. 3) SMALL ENTITY		
Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Addit. Fee		
Total	8	Minus	20	= 0	x \$9 =	\$0
Indep.	1	Minus	3	= 0	x \$42 =	\$0
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim				+ \$140 = \$0		
				Total		
				Addit. Fee	\$0	

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- The "Highest No. Previously Paid For" (Total or Indep.) is the highest number found in the appropriate box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment or the number of claims originally filed.

No additional fee for claims is required.

FEE DEFICIENCY

5. If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Deposit Account No. 500745.
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please delete paragraphs [0017], [0018], and [0019] from the specification and substitute the following paragraphs therefore:

The novel golf practice device helps a golfer develop an optimal golf swing. It includes a base adapted to overlie a ground surface, a first post mounted to the base in upstanding relation relative to the ground surface, and a second post secured to an upper end of the first post in cantilevered relation thereto. The second post is disposed in a substantially horizontal plane. Moreover, the second post is disposed at a substantially right angle to a line that extends from a target golf hole to a stationary golf ball supported by the ground surface.

The second post has a free end disposed in vertically spaced apart relation to the ground surface. The free end is adapted to be disposed substantially directly above the stationary golf ball.

A cradle interface is secured to the free end of the second post.

A third post member is adapted to be releasably engaged by the cradle interface. The third post member, when releasably engaged by the cradle interface, is disposed substantially horizontally and is disposed substantially parallel to the line.